Bokajan, under the direction of BIFR given in its meeting held on 27.03.2001. CCI is a non-strategic PSU.

Privatisation package of Jessop

1543. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to hand over Rs. 14 crore being sale proceeds of land of Metro Rail to the highest bidder of Jessop as part of privatization package; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (b) No, Sir. Jessop is getting Rs. 14.99 crore from Metro Railway, Kolkata as compensation for 5.5 acre of land and shifting/relocation of some of its facilities.

Material made available to the media

1544. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of press releases, press briefings, articles and photographs has come down drastically in recent years;

(b) if so, the number of actual material made available to the media in each category by each DPO during the last three years, month-wise;

(c) the steps taken/contemplated to improve the efficiency of officers; and

(d) the expenditure incurred on salaries, furniture, stationery, transport and entertainment during the last two years, month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For faster and more efficient dissemination of information on Government policies, programmes and activities, all Departmental

Publicity Officers have been imparted computer training. Internet connections through NIC have been provided to enable Departmental Publicity Officers to monitor website news. The publicity material is being placed on the internet, which is updated regularly. Development of language websites and Video conference facilities with regional/branch offices through NIC has been taken up.

(d) The information is given in the Statement.

Statement

Expenditure incurred on salaries, furniture, stationery, transport and entertainment during the last two years, month-wise at PIB (HQ)

(in Rupees)

Months	Salaries	Entertain-ment (including Reception and Dinner hosted by	Stationery	Furniture	Transport (including purchase/ maintenance of staff Car, cost of Petrol and hiring of taxies)
January, 2002	2489891	47578	34321	26159	88232
December, 2001	2669595	162629	32177	3919	90749
November, 2001	26326%	110097	2224%	12965	81297
October, 2001	2669089	3295%	21987	41300	134119
September, 2001	2562239	29%9	61185	—	98660
August, 2001	2538850	75325	—	2163	143651
July, 2001	2557382	132941	75049	1400	111558
June, 2001	2658716	53323	277%	—	84212
May, 2001	2757007	106461	—	—	87439
April, 2001	5659687	825	—	—	82257
March, 2001	308373	550366	145692	84632	172798
February, 2001	3238566	57333	224370	23846	105104
January, 2001	2474522	73707	257503	2284	91360

(in Rupees)

Months	Salaries	Entertain-ment (including Reception and Dinner hosted by PIO)	Stationery	Furniture	Transport (including purchase/ maintenance of staff Car, cost of Petrol and hiring of taxies)
December, 2000	2621131	54072	282967	41730	103999
November, 2000	2725449	122036	857178	891	97568
October, 2000	2798430	65150	45720	—	103386
September, 2000	2638597	139007	34244	30117	116684
August, 2000	2765494	12856	478451	372	140961
July, 2000	2657764	66567	404887	—	110067
June, 2000	2675424	81243	215428	—	92909
May. 2000	2805910	33663	197142	—	101060
April, 2000	5087463	11214	—	—	148381
March, 2000	748122	235598	507529	42318	330604
February, 2000	2656542	88493	384553	100115	82802
TOTAL	65396909	2640049	4510675	414211	2799857

Pending cases of Doordarshan in Courts

† 1545. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases of Doordarshan with private sector companies are pending in courts;

(b) if so, the number of such cases during the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the details of the total amount claimed in these cases alongwith the details of the amount recovered by Government out of these cases upto December 2001?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATT SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.